

# News Release



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## Fort Tejon State Historic Park to Host 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

LEBEC – Fort Tejon State Historic Park will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Army base at this historic state park on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will commemorate Fort Tejon's founding on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1854.

California State Parks, in partnership with the Fort Tejon Historical Association, Tejon Ranch Corporation, Mountain Communities Chamber of Commerce, Frazier Mountain Historical Society, Kern County Sheriffs Department, California Highway Patrol, and the California Department of Transportation and numerous volunteers, have come together to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of historic Fort Tejon.

The fort was home to many historic figures during its existence. The surrounding mountains set the stage for the adventures of many prominent early Californians such as **General Fitzgerald Beale**, founder of Fort Tejon; **General John C. Fremont**, explorer best known as the man who mapped the west; **Kit Carson**, scout; and **Peter Lebec**, trapper and engineer of Napoleon's army.

Visitors will be able to take a step back in time and experience the historic past of Fort Tejon, a crossroads of California's many cultures and regional development. All visitors are invited to view the living history demonstrations that will depict a timeline of the Fort's development. A scavenger hunt for children will have them making candles, digging for artifacts, blacksmithing, woodworking as well as various other activities.

Please join us in celebrating the founding of Fort Tejon for a day of fun-filled events for the entire family. Admission is FREE for the day.

Tri-Tip BBQ and refreshments generously sponsored by Tejon Ranch will be provided by Champs BBQ & Catering. BBQ tickets \$4 advance purchase or \$5 the day of the event. Raffle tickets - \$1 on sale day of the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., drawing at 3 p.m. Don't miss out on great RAFFLE PRIZES! All money collected from BBQ and raffle ticket sales go directly to the non-profit Fort Tejon Historical Association Hospital Restoration Fund.

For advanced BBQ ticket sales please contact the park office at (661)248-6692 or Tejon Ranch at (661) 663-4256.

Fort Tejon is located off Interstate 5 just north of Lebec, about 36 miles south of Bakersfield and 77 miles north of Los Angeles. Take the Lebec exit and follow the detour signs to the Fort.

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